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5 P.M.: 65°
CHANCE OF RAIN: 0%

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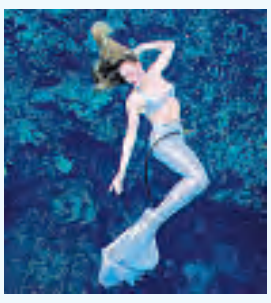
## News Now

**LOCAL & STATE**

◆ **IT'S THE LAST** few days for Floridians who have been affected by the hurricanes to sign up for Obamacare. **B1**

◆ **JUVENILE ARRESTS STATEWIDE** decline, hitting a 42-year low. **B1**

◆ **THE APOPKA CITY COUNCIL** banned medical marijuana dispensaries this year, but it may allow them next year. **B1**



◆ **WANT TO BE A MERMAID?** Weeki Wachee Springs State Park will hold auditions for new mermaids. **B2**

**NATION & WORLD**

◆ **THREE MONTHS AFTER** a hurricane devastated the tiny Caribbean islands of Barbuda and everybody left, little is back to normal. **A3**

◆ **MEANWHILE, THOUSANDS** of police officers are calling in sick in Puerto Rico to press demands for unpaid overtime pay. **A4**

**BUSINESS**

◆ **FIRST GREEN BANK** will stop handling accounts for businesses that sell marijuana products. **A10**

**SPORTS**

◆ **AT LONG LAST,** the Magic enjoy a win — this one over the Detroit Pistons, 102-89. **C1**

◆ **UCF QB** McKenzie Milton made an early impression with teammates that may have helped put them on the path toward Monday's Peach Bowl. **C1**

**OBITUARY**

◆ **ROSE MARIE,** best known for "The Dick Van Dyke Show," has died at 94. **A6**

TOP STORY

# Officials address Pulse PTSD

## Authorities seek ways to support struggling first responders

**BY GAL TZIPERMAN LOTAN**
Staff Writer

After 49 people were killed at Pulse nightclub last year, Orlando Police Chief John Mina said he knew he had to make sure his officers were taking care of their mental health.

"I reached out to many, many leaders across the country — including Chief Dan Oates, the former chief in Aurora, Colo.; Chief [Michael] Kehoe in Newtown — to ask them how they dealt with this," Mina said recently. "I got a lot of my advice from them as well as from my brother-in-law, who is a former Navy SEAL team commander, to ask them how we deal with this post-traumatic stress.

"What they all said was that everyone's gonna have some sort of post-traumatic stress. The key is not to let it turn into a disorder," Mina said.

Police and fire departments across the country have struggled with how to support first responders after mass violence. Incident reviews of the Pulse attack and other mass shootings also address the concern.

Although many departments have faced the same problems, there is not yet an established protocol for how to deal with

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# Oklahoma State defeats Virginia Tech, 30-21

STEPHEN M. DOWELL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Oklahoma State players celebrate their victory over Virginia Tech in the Camping World Bowl on Thursday. Game coverage and more on college bowl games, **pages C1, C4, C5, C6**

# Doug Jones' Senate win is certified

**BY KIM CHANDLER**
Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Democrat Doug Jones' historic victory over Republican Roy Moore was declared official Thursday as Alabama election officials certified him the winner of the special Senate election earlier this month, despite claims of voter irregularities from his opponent.

Jones

Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey, Attorney General Steve Marshall and Secretary of State John Merrill — all Republicans — signed off on the Dec. 12 election results from all 67 counties and after late-counted provisional and military ballots were added to the total.

Jones defeated Moore by 21,924 votes in a stunning victory in a deeply red state. It was the first

*Please turn to* ***ALABAMA, A3***

# Orange's top teacher promotes computer science

**BY LESLIE POSTAL**
Staff Writer

Kyle Dencker, a computer science teacher at Timber Creek High School, said it was "amazing, surprising and just surreal" to be named Orange County's teacher of the year. He had no speech planned and was momentarily overwhelmed when his name was called at the ceremony earlier this month.

But then he found his voice and used his few moments with the microphone to do what he's done for the past decade, urging schools to make computer science classes available to all students and offering his help to anyone trying to start such a program.

"Please take my challenge up," he said on stage at the Rosen Centre.

Dencker's enthusiasm for his subject — he teaches Advanced Placement computer science classes, coaches a competitive computer programming team and sponsors a "girls who code" club — has made him a campus success, said Timber Creek Principal Kelly Paduano.

"This isn't made up," she said during a recent visit to his class. "He's enthusiastic about it seven

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Orange's teacher of the year Kyle Dencker, left, introduces guests during a "girls who code" club meeting at Timber Creek High School.

# Even with hurricanes, local pump prices were steady in 2017

**BY KYLE ARNOLD**
Staff Writer

Gas prices in Central Florida are ending 2017 almost where they started, making it one of the least volatile years in recent memory for fluctuations.

The year began with gas selling for $2.37 a gallon for regular unleaded. Thursday's average price, according to AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge report, was $2.39 a gallon — up 12 cents in two days.

Even after a bump in prices this week, prices have hung around $2.31 a gallon, or within 15 cents of that, for most of the year, according to data from AAA. It's the most stable year for fuel prices since 2011 when the average price was $2.71 but stayed within 11 cents of that for most of the year in Central Florida.

"Prices really have calmed

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## Voices & Opinion

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◆ **SAM FARMER:** NFL playoffs fuzzy with one Sunday left. **C2**

## What To Do Today

**GOODBYE, 2017!**

In the Calendar section, local comedian Preacher Lawson reveals why 2017 is the best year of his life, and our writers take a look back at some of the movies, theatrical productions, restaurants and events that captivated them this year. Plus, find New Year's parties throughout Central Florida, movie listings and more. **INSIDE**

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